

Remarks

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendment and reconsideration in view of the amendment and the following remarks.

All of the remaining claims are allowed, and the case is in condition for allowance, and applicant respectfully requests that a notice of allowance be issued.

The Examiner objects to Figures 1-5, 8-11 and 14 stating that they "should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art -- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP §608.02(g)." The Examiner has not provided any support in the prior art or in the specification for his bare allegation that these figures are prior art. Applicants are not aware of any prior art that discloses all the information shown in any of figures 1-5, 8-11 and 14. The specification describes an improved method of LPC computation with regard to item 4 in Figure 1, so that figure is clearly not restricted to the prior art. The current drawings meet all the requirements of the statute and rules and applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn. MPEP 608.02(g) is clearly voluntary and not a requirement as indicated by the use of the word "should".

The above amendments to the claims correct grammatical errors that the applicant was not previously aware of, and those skilled in the art in view of the specification would have understood the claims without the above amendments.

The above amendments were not statutorily necessary for the allowance of the claims and thus, do not limit the equivalence of the claims.

In response to making the restriction requirement final, the applicant has canceled all the withdrawn claims.

In response to the objections to claims 1, 6 and 9, the claims have been amended above.

In response to the objection to the specification under 37 CFR 1.77(b) that "the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order", applicant respectfully declines to add headings because they are not required by the statute or rules, and could be inappropriately used in interpreting the specification.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) including fees for any required extension of time, to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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